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July 1, 2012 Crop Production

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Based on July 1 crop conditions, Montana's all wheat production is expected to be 180.3 million bushels, up 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Montana Field Office. The area for harvest for all wheat is expected to be 5.5 million acres, up 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat production is forecast to be 81.3 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield is forecast to be 38.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the previous forecast and down 3 bushels from last year.

The first spring wheat production forecast is 85.5 million bushels, up 15 percent from last year's production. The expected yield of 30.0 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from last year. The harvested acres are expected to be 2.85 million acres, up 450,000 acres from last year. For the week ending July 8<sup>th</sup>, the spring wheat crop was 61 percent headed compared with 19 percent last year and 38 percent for the five-year average. Durum wheat production is forecast to be 13.5 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year. The expected yield of 26.0 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage is expected to be 520,000 acres, up 135,000 acres from 2011.

Barley yields are expected to average 49.0 bushels per acre in 2012, 1 bushel below last year. Barley production is forecast to be 39.2 million bushels compared with 31.0 million bushels last year. Growers expect to harvest 800,000 acres, up 180,000 acres from 2011. Barley crop progress is well ahead of last year, with 98 percent reaching boot stage and 74 percent headed by the week ending July 8<sup>th</sup>. Oat growers expect to produce 1.10 million bushels of grain, 100,000 bushels above last year. The 2012 harvested acreage is expected to be 20,000 acres, unchanged from 2011. The expected yield of 55.0 bushels per acre is 5 bushels above last year's yield.

Dry edible pea producers in Montana planted 250,000 acres, which if realized would be the highest planted acres on record, up 60,000 acres from a year ago and up 15,000 acres from the March forecast. Producers are expecting to harvest 235,000 acres, which if realized would be the highest harvested acres on record. Austrian winter pea producers planted 11,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from the March forecast and up 1,000 acres from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 5,000 acres, 1,000 acres below last year. Lentil growers planted 200,000 acres this year, down 60,000 acres from last year and down 20,000 acres from the March forecast. Producers expect to harvest 190,000 acres, down 57,000 acres from last year. Montana potato producers planted 12,000 acres in 2012, 300 above last year. Producers expect to harvest 11,700 acres, 200 acres above last year. The first forecast of potato production will be on November 9, 2012.

For additional and National-level information please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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# July 1, 2010 Crop Production Forecast, Montana and U.S.

Crop	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2011	2012 1/	2011	2012 1/	2011	2012 1/	2011	2012 1/
Montana		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	2,250.0	2,200.0	2,190.0	2,140.0	41.0	38.0	89,790	81,320
Durum Wheat	Bu	400.0	540.0	385.0	520.0	28.0	26.0	10,780	13,520
Spring Wheat	Bu	2,450.0	2,900.0	2,400.0	2,850.0	31.0	30.0	74,400	85,500
All Wheat	Bu	5,100.0	5,640.0	4,975.0	5,510.0	35.2	32.7	174,970	180,340
Barley	Bu	700.0	900.0	620.0	800.0	50.0	49.0	31,000	39,200
Oats	Bu	45.0	40.0	20.0	20.0	50.0	55.0	1,000	1,100
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	77.0	100.0	36.0	55.0	130.0	6/	4,680	3/
Sugar Beets	Ton	45.0	46.5	43.0	46.0	25.9	3/	1,112	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	11.7	12.0	11.5	11.7	330.0	5/	3,795	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	15.0	25.0	14.8	24.0	18.2	3/	270	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	190.0	250.0	177.0	23.5	15.0	5/	2,655	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	10.0	11.0	6.0	5.0	12.0	5/	72	5/
Lentils	Cwt	260.0	200.0	247.0	19.0	11.0	5/	2,717	5/
Canola	Lbs	31.0	43.0	30.5	42.0	1,370.0	4/	41,785	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	17.0	12.0	16.0	11.0	13.0	6/	208	6/
Mustard	Lbs	11.0	23.0	10.3	22.0	490.0	6/	5,047	6/
Safflower	Lbs	14.0	25.0	13.8	24.0	850.0	6/	11,730	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	2,000.0	1,800.0	2.20	3/	4,400	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	700.0	800.0	1.70	3/	1,190	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	2,700.0	2,600.0	2.07	3/	5,590	3/
United States		(000) Acres		(000) Acres				(000) Units	
Winter Wheat	Bu	40,646.0	41,819.0	32,314.0	35,023.0	46.2	47.7	1,493,677	1,670,346
Durum Wheat	Bu	1,369.0	2,203.0	1,312.0	2,122.0	38.5	38.6	50,482	81,960
Spring Wheat	Bu	12,394.0	11,995.0	12,079.0	11,681.0	37.7	40.4	455,188	471,769
All Wheat	Bu	54,409.0	56,017.0	45,705.0	48,826.0	43.7	45.6	1,999,347	2,224,075
Barley	Bu	2,559.0	3,678.0	2,239.0	3,268.0	69.6	66.3	155,780	216,690
Oats	Bu	2,496.0	2,746.0	939.0	1,091.0	57.1	59.8	53,649	65,276
Corn for Grain 2/	Bu	91,921.0	96,405.0	83,981.0	88,851.0	147.2	3/	12,358,412	3/
Sugar Beets	Ton	1,232.7	1,244.1	1,213.1	1,215.9	23.8	3/	28,828	3/
Potatoes, Fall	Cwt	957.4	1,002.9	939.2	990.8	414.0	5/	388,873	5/
Dry Beans	Cwt	1,205.9	1,632.7	1,155.9	1,573.6	17.2	3/	19,833	3/
Dry Peas	Cwt	362.0	600.0	342.8	573.5	16.4	5/	5,625	5/
Austrian Winter Peas	Cwt	18.0	19.0	12.3	11.5	14.6	5/	180	5/
Lentils	Cwt	428.0	478.0	411.0	461.0	11.5	5/	4,732	5/
Canola	Lbs	1,071.5	1,631.5	1,043.0	1,593.1	1,475.0	4/	1,538,010	4/
Flaxseed	Bu	178.0	285.0	173.0	281.0	16.1	6/	2,791	6/
Mustard	Lbs	23.2	55.5	21.8	53.1	718.0	6/	15,644	6/
Safflower	Lbs	130.7	147.5	127.3	141.5	1,333.0	6/	169,671	6/
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	--	--	19,213.0	18,827.0	3.40	3/	65,332	3/
All Other Hay	Ton	--	--	36,420.0	38,842.0	1.81	3/	65,812	3/
All Hay	Ton	--	--	55,633.0	57,669.0	2.36	3/	131,144	3/

1/ Preliminary . 2/ Planted for all purposes. 3/ Forecast available August 10, 2012. 4/ Forecast available October 11, 2012. 5/ Forecast available November 9, 2012. 6/ Forecast available January 11, 2013. -- Not published.